



# DEVORAN NEWS

19 June 2023

## Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers

Last week was a busy week in school, seeing our Year Six children complete their swimming block in which they all did exceptionally well and made great progress. Well done Year Six!

Our Year Four children took part in the Multiplication Times Tables Check last week and we are very proud of the way they took on the challenge and demonstrated their knowledge and rapid recall of their times tables.

Our Year One (and some of Year Two) children also completed their Phonics Screening Check last week. We are very proud of the children who were able to demonstrate their phonetic knowledge well which also shows what a positive impact the R.W.Inc teaching is having on the children's learning. Well done to all the children and adults involved in the phonics teaching across the school!

Thank you to everyone who brought in donations for the Summer Fayre on Friday. We are still happy to accept any other donations you may have – please hand in to the school office.

If you haven't already got the date for the Fayre in your diaries, please make sure that you keep the Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July free in the afternoon / early evening; it is going to be a great event with live music, food, drinks and all the usual Summer Fayre games – not to mention not one, but three bouncy castles! If you are able to help with the setting up or by running a stall, please do let us know – all volunteers are very welcome!

Best wishes  
Miss Lock

## Staff News

It is with regret that we announce that after many years of outstanding service, Mrs Covey has taken the decision to retire at the end of the Summer Term.

Mrs Covey has been an integral part of the team since 2005 and she will be hugely missed by the staff, children and parents. Her dedication and commitment to children's learning as well as teaching them to play the recorder and share her love of reading through her school library work has not gone unnoticed over the years. Whilst we are deeply sad to see Mrs Covey leave, we are very excited about the intrepid adventures that she has planned and we can't wait to hear all about these as she finds herself with more time to explore alongside her husband Roger.



## Warmer weather

With the warmer weather we have been having, it is really important that the children bring their sun hat, sun cream and water bottle into school every day – even if it is cloudy in the morning!

It goes without saying that everything must be named ☺



## Parent Consultations

We will be holding our final Parent Consultations of the academic year the week commencing Monday 3 July. We have set up the booking system via Eschools. Bookings are open and if you have any problems booking on, please ring Mrs Andrews and she will be able to book you a slot.



## Tuck boxes

We have a lot of tuck boxes that are unclaimed despite many attempts to reunite them with their owner.

Please ensure that all containers are named and that if you are missing any that you come and look outside the school reception. Any that are unclaimed by the end of the week will be thrown away. Thank you all in advance.



## Sporting News

Thank you to everyone who turned up in their activewear last Monday. We raised a fantastic £166.50 for Soccer Aid which will make a huge difference. The children all really enjoyed a football obstacle course that was set up and run by the Rights Respecting School group.



## Phoebe Green

Last Wednesday Phoebe in Year 2 travelled to Torbay to take part in the British Cycling South West Youth Circuit Championships. After 5 rounds within this competition, Phoebe is still leading on points which is absolutely fantastic! Throughout the competition, Phoebe has had one win, three 2<sup>nd</sup> places and a 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the event in Torbay Velopark resulting in a lead by 15 points. To win her category overall for the series, Phoebe needs to finish a minimum of 5<sup>th</sup> place at the final round taking place during the Summer.

Congratulations Phoebe for such a fantastic achievement up to this point – we are all so exceptionally proud of you and we wish you all the best with the next round.





## Sporting News Continued

### Year 3 Cricket

The children had an excellent day of cricket on Thursday at the Redruth Cricket Club.

All the children had lots of fun and showed great cricket skills. It was great to have two teams and they all did exceptionally well, with one team coming joint first in their group and are now in the finals and our other team coming 2nd in their group. Go Devoran!

Here is what the children said:

Erin - "it was brilliant, awesome, amazing!"

Lucia - "it was very fun, energetic and we won!"

Lexi - "amazing!"

Oliver - "it was fun, hard and I'm really tired"

Brennan - "great, brilliant!"

Arthur - "it was really fun and I enjoyed it"

Zavier - "our team did really well - our team is going to the finals"

Flossie - "it was so much fun, it was really exciting because we won"

Reuben - "it was good, I liked the batting"

Jasper - "it was very good, a bit hot and I liked all the positions"

Harry F - "it was really hot and fun. I got some hits and we are going to the finals!"

Teddy - "it was fun, exciting and we won!"

Ethan - "I'm really glad we won and we are going through to the finals"

Ella - "it was a really good day and even though we didn't win we all had a brilliant day"

Lyla Rae - "it was really fun and hot!"



# SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Your child is invited to sign up for this year's [Summer Reading Challenge](#). Sign up at your local library!

## What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy anything they like to read! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal, and collect rewards for their reading.

It's **FREE** to take part, and last year 75% of children taking part improved their reading skills over the holidays.<sup>1</sup>

## Why should my child sign up?

- They will be **better prepared to return to school** in the autumn.
- The Challenge **supports the move into a new year group**.
- Becoming more independent in their reading boosts children's **confidence and self-esteem**.
- The library provides **free access** to books and fun family activities all through the summer.
- Library staff are on hand to offer support and book recommendations.

Your child will be part of a UK-wide programme developed by [The Reading Agency](#) and delivered in partnership with the [public library network](#).

## How can my child take part? (Library OR online)

**In the library.** Visit your local library and sign up. Your child will:

- Set a reading goal for the summer and borrow and read books, eBooks and audiobooks. Your child can choose anything they like to read!
- Receive a Challenge folder and collect special stickers and rewards for reading.

**OR**

**Online.** Take part online at [summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

- Sign up on the [official Challenge website](#).
- Set a reading goal and get tips for accessing books for free at home.
- Unlock digital badges and online rewards, including a printable certificate.

## When?

Throughout the **summer holidays**. Check with your local library to find out start & finish dates near you. Unsure where your closest library is? Use the [Library Finder](#) to check.

## Want to know more?

- Find out more about the importance of reading and its impact on children's success [here](#).
- Visit the [official Summer Reading Challenge website](#) for free activities, competitions and videos.
- Keep up-to-date! [Follow @SummerReadingChallengeUK on Facebook](#).

## Reading Challenge continued:

### What do families think?

*"I never liked reading before because of this challenge I got the **courage** to read more books and I have more interest in books. This has been the **greatest experience** ever in my life to read more books than before thanks."*

Girl, aged 12+

*"The challenge encouraged my child to **read more often**, and in turn encouraged **myself** as well."*

Parent/carer of 6-7-year-old boy

*"Enabled us to have some fun **cheap days out** and reading together has **brought us closer** than before."*

Parent/carer of 8-9-year-old girl

*"We've joined the reading challenge for the past 4 years and every year it has inspired and encouraged a deeper **joy** for reading. For a young dyslexic boy, the challenge helps make reading **fun**."*

Parent/carer of 6-7-year-old boy

*"My child lacks confidence. Going to the library and meeting the friendly staff has definitely made him **more confident in himself** and encouraged him to read more being able to pick his own books to read from their huge collection."*

Parent/carer of 10-11-year-old boy